

By the Committee on Education; and Commissioner Donalds

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1                   A proposal to amend  
2           Section 4 of Article IX to establish a limitation on  
3           the period for which a person may be elected as a  
4           member of a district school board.

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6 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of  
7 Florida:

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9           Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution is  
10 amended to read:

11                                   ARTICLE IX

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13           SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.—

14           (a) Each county shall constitute a school district;  
15 provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the  
16 electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into  
17 one school district. In each school district there shall be a  
18 school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of  
19 the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately  
20 staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

21           (b) A person may not appear on the ballot for re-election  
22 to the office of school board if, by the end of the current term  
23 of office, the person would have served, or but for resignation  
24 would have served, in that office for eight consecutive years.  
25 Service to the office of school board since the last election of  
26 the school board member before the effective date of this  
27 subsection shall accrue toward the limitations prescribed  
28 herein.

29           (c) ~~(b)~~ The school board shall operate, control and  
30 supervise all free public schools within the school district and  
31 determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits  
32 prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and

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33 finance joint educational programs.